

shall outline the activities undertaken by the Board since its inception or last annual report and shall include any findings and recommendations made to the Secretary during the reporting period.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title X, §1010, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1262.)

§ 4107. Support services

The Secretary shall provide such staff personnel, clerical assistance, services, materials, and office space as are essential to assist the Board in carrying out its duties.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title X, §1011, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1262.)

§ 4108. Compensation; travel expenses

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, if not otherwise officers or employees of the United States, except that they shall, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Board, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under sections 5701 through 5707 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title X, §1012, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1262.)

§ 4109. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title X, §1013, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1262.)

§ 4110. Termination

The Board established in this chapter shall cease to exist on September 30, 1995.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title X, §1014, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1263; Pub. L. 99-198, title X, §1023(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1460; Pub. L. 101-624, title XI, §1145(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3516.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-624 substituted “1995” for “1990”.
1985—Pub. L. 99-198 substituted “1990” for “1985”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-624 effective beginning with 1991 crop of an agricultural commodity, with provision for prior crops, see section 1171 of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 1421 of this title.

CHAPTER 73—FARMLAND PROTECTION POLICY

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§ 4201. General provisions

(a) Congressional statement of findings

Congress finds that—

(1) the Nation's farmland is a unique natural resource and provides food and fiber necessary for the continued welfare of the people of the United States;

(2) each year, a large amount of the Nation's farmland is irrevocably converted from actual or potential agricultural use to non-agricultural use;

(3) continued decrease in the Nation's farmland base may threaten the ability of the United States to produce food and fiber in sufficient quantities to meet domestic needs and the demands of our export markets;

(4) the extensive use of farmland for non-agricultural purposes undermines the economic base of many rural areas;

(5) Federal actions, in many cases, result in the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses where alternative actions would be preferred;

(6) the Department of Agriculture is the agency primarily responsible for the implementation of Federal policy with respect to United States farmland, assuring the maintenance of the agricultural production capacity of the United States, and has the personnel and other resources needed to implement national farmland protection policy; and

(7) the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies should take steps to assure that the actions of the Federal Government do not cause United States farmland to be irreversibly converted to nonagricultural uses in cases in which other national interests do not override the importance of the protection of farmland nor otherwise outweigh the benefits of maintaining farmland resources.

(b) Statement of purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to minimize the extent to which Federal programs contribute to the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses, and to assure that Federal programs are administered in a manner that, to the extent practicable, will be compatible with State, unit of local government, and private programs and policies to protect farmland.

(c) Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(1) the term “farmland” includes all land defined as follows:

(A) prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, fiber, forage, oilseed, and other agricultural crops with minimum inputs of fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, and labor, and without intolerable soil erosion, as determined by the